

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1 – 7 and 19 and were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Awadallah et al. (6,449,251 B1) in view of Boden et al. (6,615,357 B1) in further view of Stevens (TCP/IP Illustrated).

Claims 8, 10, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Awadallah et al. in view of Stevens.

Claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Awadallah et al. in view of Stevens and further in view of Boden et al.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that nowhere in the claim limitations is it stated that the router/gateway performs the function of detecting process-specific port addresses to "pass through" the gateway without being translated.

All independent claims have now been amended to clarify that the claims include the claim limitation that the router/gateway performs the function of passing identified process-specific datagrams through the gateway without translating their port addresses. The recitation of this function distinguishes Applicant's invention from the references cited by the Examiner, none of which is directed to the identification of datagrams intended for non-translatable ports, and to pass those datagrams through the gateway without translating the port addresses where other stated conditions have been met.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims not cancelled or missing are patentable over the prior art of record, and prays for the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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